

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **add claims 31-34** as follows:

**1-11.** (Cancelled)

**12.** (Previously presented) A method of functionally linking plural primary equipment units and a manager equipment unit likely to communicate with all the primary equipment units, comprising:

a preliminary step of storing presentations of equipment units in memory in the respective units or in the manager equipment unit, the presentation of each equipment unit including at least one link to a function of the equipment unit;

recovering or selecting in said manager equipment unit the presentation of a given primary equipment unit; and

linking said given primary equipment unit to said manager equipment unit and said already-linked other primary equipment units by composing a home page at said manager equipment unit, the home page being composed by using at least (a) the presentation of said manager equipment unit, (b) the presentations of the other primary equipment units already linked, and (c) the presentation of said given primary equipment unit.

**13.** (Previously presented) A method according to claim **12**, including a step of downloading the home page from said manager equipment unit into any of said primary equipment units to form a

home page for all the equipment units in order that said primary equipment units can carry out the functions of the other primary equipment units and the manager equipment unit.

**14.** (*Original*) A method according to claim **12**, further including displaying each presentation in several display modes, and displaying said home page in each equipment unit in at least one of the display modes used in said each equipment unit.

**15.** (*Previously presented*) A method according to claim **12**, wherein the presentation of one of said equipment units in said home page includes a departure anchor of a hyperlink toward a page of functions read in said one equipment unit and including links to functions of said one equipment unit.

**16.** (*Original*) A method according to claim **12**, including, at the time of a first connection of one of said primary equipment units to said manager equipment units to said manager equipment unit, dynamic address allocation to said one primary equipment unit by said manger equipment unit and transmission of the address by said manager equipment unit to said primary equipment units with said home page.

**17.** (Original) A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing a home page is performed at least partly outside said manager equipment unit in secondary means connected to said manager equipment unit via a telephone network or local network.

**18.** (Original) A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing a home page comprises distributing equipment unit presentations into daughter pages and forming a mother page with hyperlinks to the daughter pages.

**19.** (Original) A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing includes composing home pages by the manager equipment unit, loading said composed home pages into primary equipment units, each of said home pages including the presentation of the respective primary equipment unit and presentations of applications in said manager equipment unit dedicated to the respective primary equipment unit.

**20.** (Original) A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing includes composing a home page only with the presentations of said other primary equipment units already linked and the presentation of said given primary equipment unit, and downloading the homepage from said manager equipment unit into all said primary equipment units as the home page for all said primary equipment units.

**21. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are interconnected via one of the following wireless transmission system and a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a terminal adapted to be connected to a telephone network and electronic devices.

**22. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are interconnected via one of a wireless transmission system and a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a microcomputer and terminals, the terminals being connected to a telephone network.

**23. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are the central processor unit of a microcomputer and electronic cards connected to a bus of said central processor unit.

**24. (Previously presented)** In combination:

plural primary equipment units arranged to be functionally linked and a manager equipment unit for communicating with all the primary equipment units, the primary equipment units or the manager equipment unit having a memory for storing presentations of the equipment units, the presentation of each equipment unit including

at least one link to a function of the equipment unit, said manager equipment unit being arranged for recovering or selecting the presentation of a given primary equipment unit, said manager equipment unit being arranged for (a) linking said given primary equipment unit to said manager equipment unit and said already-linked other primary equipment units by composing a home page at said manager equipment unit, and (b) composing the home page by using at least (a) the presentation of said manager equipment unit, (b) the presentations of the other primary equipment units already linked, and (c) the presentation of said given primary equipment unit composing the home page at said manager equipment unit.

**25.** (*Previously presented*) The combination of claim **24**, wherein the manager equipment and the primary units are arranged for causing downloading of the home page from said manager equipment unit into any of said primary equipment units to form a home page for all the equipment units in order that any of said primary equipment units can carry out the functions of the other equipment units.

**26.** (*Previously presented*) The combination of claim **24**, wherein each of the equipment units includes a display for (a) displaying each presentation in several display modes, and (b) displaying said home page in each equipment unit in at least one of the display modes used in said each equipment unit.

**27.** (*Previously presented*) The combination of claim **24**, wherein each of the equipment units is arranged for causing the presentation of one of said equipment units in said home page to include a departure anchor of a hyperlink toward a page of functions read in said one equipment unit and including links to functions of said one equipment unit.

**28.** (*Previously presented*) The combination of claim **24**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are arranged to be interconnected via a wireless transmission system or a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a terminal adapted to be connected to a telephone network and electronic devices.

**29.** (*Previously presented*) The combination of claim **24**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are arranged to be respectively interconnected via a wireless transmission system or a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a microcomputer and terminals, the terminals being connected to a telephone network.

**30.** (*Previously presented*) The combination of claim **24**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are respectively the central processor unit of a microcomputer and electronic cards connected to a bus of said central processor unit.

**31.** (New) A method according to claim **12**, wherein the manager equipment unit includes a browser that performs the recovering or selecting step.

**32.** (New) The combination of claim **24**, wherein the manager equipment unit includes a browser for recovering or selecting the presentation of the given primary equipment unit.

**33.** (New) A method according to claim **12**, further including downloading the home page to any of the primary equipment units which are able to carry out the control functions of the other equipment units and as a result of the manager equipment unit composing the home page with at least the already-linked primary equipment units.

**34.** (New) The combination of claim **24**, wherein the manager equipment unit is arranged for composing the home page with at least the already-linked primary equipment units and to download the home page to any of the primary equipment units which are able to carry out the control functions of the other equipment units.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **amend claims 12, 13, and 15 and add new claims 24-30** as follows:

**1-11.** (Cancelled)

**12.** (Currently amended) A method of functionally linking plural primary equipment units and a manager equipment unit likely to communicate with all the primary equipment units, comprising:

a preliminary step of storing presentations of equipment units in memory in the respective units or in the manager equipment unit, the presentation of each equipment unit ~~containing~~ including at least one link to a function of the equipment unit;

recovering or selecting in said manager equipment unit the presentation of a given primary equipment unit[[,]]; and

linking said given primary equipment unit to said manager equipment unit and said already-linked other primary equipment units by composing a home page with at said manager equipment unit, the home page being composed by using at least (a) the presentation of said manager equipment unit, (b) the presentations of the other primary equipment units already linked, and (c) the presentation of said given primary equipment unit, ~~thereby linking said given primary equipment unit to said manager equipment unit and said other primary equipment units already linked.~~



13. (*Currently amended*) A method according to claim 12, including a step of downloading the home page from said manager equipment unit into ~~at least one~~ any of said primary equipment units to form a home page for all the equipment units in order that said ~~at least one~~ primary equipment ~~unit~~ units can carry out the functions of the other primary equipment units and the manager equipment unit.

14. (*Original*) A method according to claim 12, further including displaying each presentation in several display modes, and displaying said home page in each equipment unit in at least one of the display modes used in said each equipment unit.

15. (*Currently amended*) A method according to claim 12, wherein the presentation ~~of one of said equipment~~ of one of said equipment ~~unit~~ units in said home page includes a departure anchor of a hyperlink toward a page of functions read in said one equipment unit and ~~containing~~ including links to functions of said one equipment unit.

16. (*Original*) A method according to claim 12, including, at the time of a first connection of one of said primary equipment units to said manager equipment units to said manager equipment unit, dynamic address allocation to said one primary equipment unit

by said manger equipment unit and transmission of the address by said manager equipment unit to said primary equipment units with said home page.

**17. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing a home page is performed at least partly outside said manager equipment unit in secondary means connected to said manager equipment unit via a telephone network or local network.

**18. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing a home page comprises distributing equipment unit presentations into daughter pages and forming a mother page, with hyperlinks to the daughter pages.

**19. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing includes composing home pages by the manager equipment unit, loading said composed home pages into primary equipment units, each of said home pages including the presentation of the respective primary equipment unit and presentations of applications in said manager equipment unit dedicated to the respective primary equipment unit.

**20. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said step of composing includes composing a home page only with the presentations of said other primary equipment units already linked

and the presentation of said given primary equipment unit, and downloading the homepage from said manager equipment unit into all said primary equipment units as the home page for all said primary equipment units.

**21. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are interconnected via one of the following wireless transmission system and a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a terminal adapted to be connected to a telephone network and electronic devices.

**22. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are interconnected via one of a wireless transmission system and a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a microcomputer and terminals, the terminals being connected to a telephone network.

**23. (Original)** A method according to claim **12**, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are the central processor unit of a microcomputer and electronic cards connected to a bus of said central processor unit.

**24.** (New) In combination:

plural primary equipment units arranged to be functionally linked and a manager equipment unit for communicating with all the primary equipment units, the primary equipment units or the manager equipment unit having a memory for storing presentations of the equipment units, the presentation of each equipment unit including at least one link to a function of the equipment unit, said manager equipment unit being arranged for recovering or selecting the presentation of a given primary equipment unit, said manager equipment unit being arranged for (a) linking said given primary equipment unit to said manager equipment unit and said already-linked other primary equipment units by composing a home page at said manager equipment unit, and (b) composing the home page by using at least (a) the presentation of said manager equipment unit, (b) the presentations of the other primary equipment units already linked, and (c) the presentation of said given primary equipment unit composing the home page at said manager equipment unit.

**25.** (New) The combination of claim **24**, wherein the manager equipment and the primary units are arranged for causing downloading of the home page from said manager equipment unit into any of said primary equipment units to form a home page for all the equipment

units in order that any of said primary equipment units can carry out the functions of the other equipment units.

26. (New) The combination of claim 24, wherein each of the equipment units includes a display for (a) displaying each presentation in several display modes, and (b) displaying said home page in each equipment unit in at least one of the display modes used in said each equipment unit.

27. (New) The combination of claim 24, wherein each of the equipment units is arranged for causing the presentation of one of said equipment units in said home page to include a departure anchor of a hyperlink toward a page of functions read in said one equipment unit and including links to functions of said one equipment unit.

28. (New) The combination of claim 24, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are arranged to be interconnected via a wireless transmission system or a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a terminal adapted to be connected to a telephone network and electronic devices.

29. (New) The combination of claim 24, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are arranged to be respectively interconnected via a wireless transmission system or a carrier current transmission system, and are respectively a

microcomputer and terminals, the terminals being connected to a telephone network.

30. (New) The combination of claim 24, wherein said manager equipment unit and said primary equipment units are respectively the central processor unit of a microcomputer and electronic cards connected to a bus of said central processor unit.